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MISCELLANEOUS.

From the New Orleans Delta.

The Tallest Game of Poker ever Played on the Mississippi.

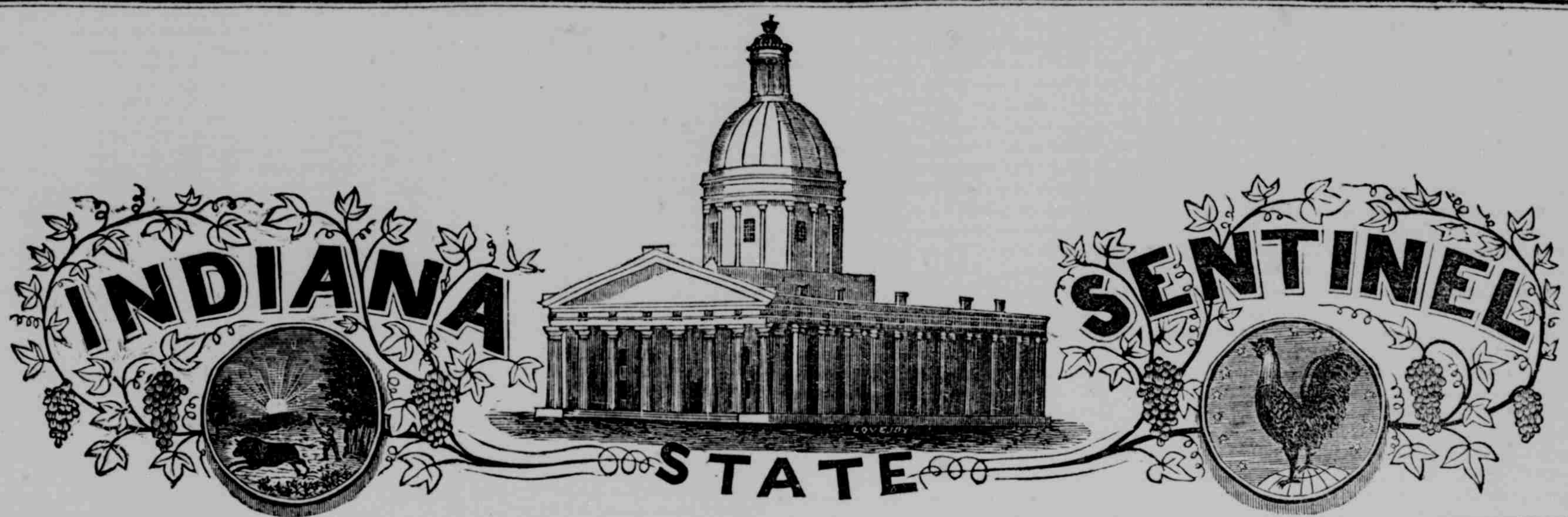
On a certain November evening, during the time which our correspondent W***** in his "memoirs in Mississippi," very properly designates the "great financial era," a gentleman celebrated for his political and financial connection with the affairs of that State might be seen, followed by a negro boy carrying a valise, stepping on board a steamboat at Louisville, which was about to start for this city. A hero of any story is nothing if nameless, we shall, therefore, call our old Blunt, although analogically it may not be a strictly appropriate one. Old Blunt, we would premise, was on his return from Philadelphia, whither he had been to negotiate State bonds, bearing on their face the value of some three hundred thousand dollars, which had been pressed to the credit of the — Bank. Those who depicted old Blunt to negotiate the loan or sale, or whatever it might be, were not mistaken in their man. He effected the operation: if the discount was what many would call usurious, what cared the Mississippi financiers, or their agent, about a simple extra ten per cent? Were not the recuperative energies of the young and vigorous State able to pay all; and, besides, what was the present pain of a severe shave to the prospective pleasure of a jolly frolic? Suffice it to say, that old Blunt left Quakerdom with \$300,000 of funds in his valise—not specie of course—which he had received for the obligations of the — Bank, besides some fifteen or sixteen thousand dollars, which he managed to raise on his own "paper."

In going aboard the steamboat he was greeted by more than one gentleman in the social hall, for, as we have already said, he was not unknown to fame—at least to celebrity. He ordered the black boy to throw the valise into the state-room, as though it contained no more than a shirt and a pair of stockings, or a volume of patent sermons. This done, he invited all hands to liquor, and while drinking, congratulated himself on being once again back in the social West, and out of the formal, frigid atmosphere of cold, Quaker Philadelphia. He pulled out his pocket book to pay for the drinks—he made it a rule never to go on credit at the bar—and in finding such a note as the bar-keeper could change, he ransacked and turned over every note of the \$15,000 which was in the book. Finally, a tall gentleman, with black oily locks and rather an extensive supply of jewelry, who with two other "nice young men," seemed to have been engaged in a mental calculation of the amount of the pocket book during its exposure, insisted on old Blunt's accepting from him, a ten dollar note, out of which to pay the bar-keeper. Old Blunt consented, they drank again, and soon the bell rang for supper. Supper over, the gent with the profusion of jewelry, and his two companions, with a few for a short time, and again returned—looking "monstrously" amiable. Between the reader and ourselves, they had seen what they believed to be the extent of old Blunt's funds, and as they could produce of some \$30,000, besides some odd change for by-play, they determined that he with the ambrosial curls should bluff him out of it.

The cards were introduced, and in a few minutes old Blunt found himself at a table with his three bar-made acquaintances. The game, it was settled, was to be twenty-deck poker—the stakes four bits, and without limit. They played for some time with indifferent success, till the pre-arranged crisis arrived. The locomotive jewelry store dealt: he gave old Blunt four tens and a king to bring him out—to himself he gave four aces and a jack. Blunt went five dollars, the two aces passed, and the gentleman with the jewelry saw old Blunt's five and went ten better: Blunt saw that and went fifty better: jewelry saw that and went a hundred better—money out, he remembered, all the time. Without following them in their respective "bluffs," suffice it to say, that when the gentleman of sombre understanding saw old Blunt's \$15,000 on the table, he went that and \$15,000 better! Old Blunt affected to be nonplussed: his opponent chuckled in the anticipation of raking down the pile. Old Blunt thought to borrow from the captain and from others but he was unsuccessful; he offered to play his plantation in Mississippi, but the "sporting gentleman" would not stand it. It was a cash game, and nothing but cash (current paper) would do—and, pulling out his watch and a six-barrel revolver at the same time, he made a marked avowal, that unless his bet was covered in three minutes, the money was his, and death would be his who should interpose to prevent it. Another minute of intense suspense to the gambler passed away: he was now within two minutes time, he thought, of pocketing old Blunt's \$15,000, when the latter, as if a flash of thought flew through his mind, sang out, "Bill! bring me the saddle-bags here, quick!" In a second, they were on the table and open. Old Blunt seized their contents with his left hand, whilst he grasped the pistol, still on the table, with his right, and in a tone of triumph, exclaimed—

"Now, sir, I see that \$15,000, and go that \$285,000 better. Cover it in three minutes, or I rake down; and if you move to prevent me, you are a dead man!"

The blackleg was bluffed that time. Old



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Blunt paid him the ten dollars which he had given him before the play; he gave a hundred dollar note as a present to his boy Bill, who, winking, remarked that "Massa was a sharp one." He then raked his thirty thousand dollars winnings down, coolly remarking that that, he believed, was the tallest game of poker ever played on the Mississippi.

A "DELICIOUS" STORY.—We laughed the other evening, all over our face, at a story told by a "mad wag" of a player man. No one can tell a story like your Thespian! Truly, in the hands of one of these strange people, the sauce of a tale obtaineth the right flavor! It overcame! Good things come upon us with a true savor! But to the story, which assuredly we shall be the spoiling of:

Just before the embarkation of the Life-Guards, for the Waterloo campaign, when all London was on the *qui vive* for great events, the theatres crowded nightly, and the military there, as elsewhere, taking down their last gulps of fun, "Shaw, the Life-Guardsman," famous as the largest and strongest man in England, a sort of Belgian Giant affair, was in Drury Lane, and of course attracted vast attention. Among the rest came Captain Barclay, the celebrated pedestrian, amateur boxer, gentleman, gymnast, &c., who was immediately struck with intense admiration at the "points" of the huge, yet active, soldier.

"My God, what a man. Look at him! Magnificent fellow! Beg pardon—really must feel your arm!"

The enthusiastic Captain approached, examined the giant's muscle, eyed his pose, measured his "reach," &c., every moment waxing in delight.

"My God! the most superb thing I ever saw—beautiful fellow! Damme! I should like just—my man! oblige me by stepping this way."

The Guardsman obeyed; a five pound note was thrust into his hand, and, with a few selected amateurs, the Captain adjourned to a neighboring coffee-house, called for a room, and immediately began to strip for a friendly "set to."

"My God, I should die if I hadn't a crack at him. Sweetest thing I ever saw in my life!"

The soldier was every way ready to oblige, and to the Captain's request that he would "hit out"—show what you can do—"make himself felt," &c., he promised implicit obedience. The parties stood forth—Barclay, a powerful man, but almost hid beneath the bulk of his opponent. There was a little sparring, a few taps were exchanged, a few explanations on the part of the Captain, of "very pretty, capital," &c., until growing more impatient, he repeated his desire to feel the giant! and the next moment found him picking himself out of the fire-place, into which he had been knocked at his own "particular desire." He came forth, however, in unabated delight.

"My God—pon my soul—a lovely fellow. Perfect treat! Come, my man—not tired, I hope? Now, then, let's see what you can do!"

The words were hardly out before a tremendous blow on the nose and mouth, sent him flying, heels uppermost through the door of a china closet! From amid the contents of which he was raised with loosened teeth, and the claret flowing "elegantly!" There was a winking of the eyes, and a smilling from the nose, and something of an inarticulate utterance on the part of the Captain, as, calling for water, he invited the Guardsman to supper, declaring, with a pair of enormously swollen lips, that he was a "delicious hum!"

When last seen alive, at the battle of Waterloo, which took place shortly afterwards, Shaw was standing amid a heap of his slain, holding up his bowels with one hand, while defending himself against a swarm of Frenchmen with the other.—St. Louis Revue.

SUNDAY HAIR.—We translate the following from the French, says the U. S. Gazette: "Anais L.—one of the charming little children whom Madame Duchatel collects at her balls for little girls, is the daughter of a lady who is quite a coquette, and specially skilled in the use of all the means which art allows for the improvement of beauty. Unfortunately, this charming lady had not sufficiently guarded against the indiscretion of her little innocent, who was admitted freely into her toilet. Little Anais recently came to pass an afternoon with the Comtesse, who was always delighted with the chattering of the child, when suddenly assuming a very serious air, as little marvelously children sometimes do, when ready to compromise somebody's feelings, the child cried out:—

"My dear Countess, show me your Sunday hair!"

"Ah, you have always to wear the same hair. My mamma is not so badly off as that. She has some beautiful hair for Sundays; but when she is not going out, she always keeps it locked up in her toilet."

An excellent application of an old pun, was once made by Mr. Mingay, in the Court of King's Bench. A cause was pending between a tailor and an attorney. His client found, he said, that it was impossible to make a coat for a lawyer without its ending in a suit.

STAGE LOVERS: THE TRAGEDY LOVER.—The passion of love develops itself on the stage in various ways, and every different species of dramatic production has a peculiar kind of stage lover. The tragedy lover is addicted to the very inconvenient practice of loving above his station, and he is continually going about asking the woods, the groves, the valleys, and the hills why he was "lowly born," a question which the said woods, groves, valleys, and hills, are not in the habit of answering. He usually rushes to the wars, and comes home with a colonel's commission; bragging that he had crushed the haughty Ottomite, or rolled the audacious Libyan in the dust of his native desert. In consequence of his crushing and rolling he offers his hand with confidence to the high-born maid, who had previously spurned him from her foot; and he generally chooses the occasion of a banquet, given in honor of her intended marriage to somebody else, as the most fitting opportunity for popping the question. Having succeeded in his suit, he frequently sets out to crush some more Ottomites, or roll the audacious Libyan in some more dust, when he allows himself to be made very jealous by anonymous letters, and he abruptly leaves the army to lead itself, in order that he may go home and tax his wife with her infidelity. On arriving *chez lui*, the tragedy lover not unfrequently finds his wife engaged in conversation with her own brother, who won't say he is her brother, but prefers fighting a duel with the tragedy lover; and the latter returns to his wife with a fatal wound, just in time to die in her arms, which sends her raving mad; while the brother in a fit of remorse, commits suicide!

STAGE LOVERS: THE COMEDY LOVER.—The comedy lover goes by the technical name of the "walking gentleman," a title probably derived from his having his hat in his hand, as if he would shortly have to walk off at the instigation of some unreasonable father or testy guardian. The comedy lover is very much addicted to duck and dissimulation, wearing white trousers in all weathers, finding fault upon all occasions with the object of his choice, without any reason for doing so. If the lady is in good spirits, the following is the sort of speech the comedy lover will address to her: "Nay, Laura, I do not like this gayety. The voluble head bespeaks the hollow heart; and if you would smile on me to-day, you might bestow your sunshine on another to-morrow. Believe me, Laura, that though we admire the gadfly for its wings, we shall never seek it for its society; and though we may chase the butterfly for its colors, we cherish the canary for its constancy. You weep, Laura—nay, I do not mean to distress you, though I had rather bring tears from your eyes, than allow levity to remain at your heart, for steadiness of character is a brighter gem than the most glittering gewgaw. I will leave you now, Laura, and remember, that even should fate divide us, you have no truer friend than Arthur Turnipoot."—Crutcher's Table Book.

Said Stubbs to one of his debtors, "Isn't it time for you to pay me that little bill?" "My dear sir," was the consoling reply, "it is not a question of time—it is a question of eternity."

SOMETHING NEW.
Machinery of Various Kinds.
At the store of J. J. Owsley & Co., 100 N. 1st St., Indianapolis, Ind., are for sale, on hand, the following machinery: Steam Engines, of various sizes, from 10 to 20 horse power; Steam Boilers, of various sizes, from 10 to 20 feet in diameter; and a large assortment of other machinery, including pumps, presses, and other tools, all of which are of the latest and best construction, and are offered at very low prices for cash.

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JOHN W. WRIGHT,
Attorney at Law, Indianapolis, Indiana.
He has resumed the practice of law, and will accept of the U. S. Circuit Court and Supreme Courts at Indianapolis, and the courts in the 2nd judicial circuit, and attend to the collection of claims and the sale of property and payment of taxes in any of the courts in northern Indiana.
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MARTIN & SPOFFORD,
(Successors to W. H. & R. S. SPOFFORD.)
Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
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Particular attention paid to the forwarding of Produce and Merchandise.

TOYS AND NOTIONS.
Christmas is Coming.
We have just received the largest and best selected assortment of Toys and Notions ever brought to this place. As Christmas and New Year are near at hand, and the children waiting for their presents, we have decided to sell our Toys and Notions at a very low price, and to give away a large quantity of them. We have also a large quantity of Toys and Notions, which we will sell at a very low price, and to give away a large quantity of them. We have also a large quantity of Toys and Notions, which we will sell at a very low price, and to give away a large quantity of them.

CHAMPAGNE: CHAMPAGNE!
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VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE.
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HUMAN MAGNETISM.
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NEW STORE.
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Notice to our Patrons and the Public.
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WOOD!
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One Hundred Wood Choppers Wanted.
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States of Postage under Law of 1845.
On LETTERS.—Single, or any number of pieces not exceeding 100, 30 cents; 100 or more, 50 cents.
If over three hundred miles, 10 cents.
If over five hundred miles, 15 cents.
If over one thousand miles, 20 cents.
If over two thousand miles, 25 cents.
If over three thousand miles, 30 cents.
If over four thousand miles, 35 cents.
If over five thousand miles, 40 cents.
If over six thousand miles, 45 cents.
If over seven thousand miles, 50 cents.
If over eight thousand miles, 55 cents.
If over nine thousand miles, 60 cents.
If over ten thousand miles, 65 cents.
If over eleven thousand miles, 70 cents.
If over twelve thousand miles, 75 cents.
If over thirteen thousand miles, 80 cents.
If over fourteen thousand miles, 85 cents.
If over fifteen thousand miles, 90 cents.
If over sixteen thousand miles, 95 cents.
If over seventeen thousand miles, 100 cents.
If over eighteen thousand miles, 105 cents.
If over nineteen thousand miles, 110 cents.
If over twenty thousand miles, 115 cents.
If over twenty-one thousand miles, 120 cents.
If over twenty-two thousand miles, 125 cents.
If over twenty-three thousand miles, 130 cents.
If over twenty-four thousand miles, 135 cents.
If over twenty-five thousand miles, 140 cents.
If over twenty-six thousand miles, 145 cents.
If over twenty-seven thousand miles, 150 cents.
If over twenty-eight thousand miles, 155 cents.
If over twenty-nine thousand miles, 160 cents.
If over thirty thousand miles, 165 cents.
If over thirty-one thousand miles, 170 cents.
If over thirty-two thousand miles, 175 cents.
If over thirty-three thousand miles, 180 cents.
If over thirty-four thousand miles, 185 cents.
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If over thirty-six thousand miles, 195 cents.
If over thirty-seven thousand miles, 200 cents.
If over thirty-eight thousand miles, 205 cents.
If over thirty-nine thousand miles, 210 cents.
If over forty thousand miles, 215 cents.
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If over seventy thousand miles, 365 cents.
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If over seventy-nine thousand miles, 410 cents.
If over eighty thousand miles, 415 cents.
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If over eighty-nine thousand miles, 460 cents.
If over ninety thousand miles, 465 cents.
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